

Remarks

Status of Claims

Claims 1-19 were pending in this application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1-3, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17 and 20-28 are cancelled. New claim 29 is presented in this amendment for examination. Thus, claims 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 29 are pending for examination.

Claim Objections

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claim 3 and its dependent claims 4, 6-7, 9-10, 12-13, 15-16 and 18-19 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 29 is introduced to recite the limitations of the cancelled claims 1-3. Claim 29 has been revised to improve readability thereof. Claims 4, 6 and 12, which directly depended from cancelled claim 3, have been amended to depend from claim 29.

Rejected Claims Cancelled:

This amendment cancels all rejected claims and claims withdrawn from consideration. Only claims indicated as containing allowable subject matter remain.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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